

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The device comprises in combination: an interlacing jet for reciprocally joining the covering yarn and the elastic yarn; supporting ~~[[means]]~~ elements for spools of elastic yarn; winding members for winding the composite yarn on a developing cop; a device for interrupting the feeding of composite yarn to ~~[[said]]~~ the developing cop and starting the winding of the composite yarn on a new winding tube. The supporting ~~[[means]]~~ elements for the spools of elastic yarn are suitable for arranging at least one first spool of elastic yarn in a working position and at least a second spool of elastic yarn in a standby position and for transferring ~~[[said]]~~ the second spool from the standby position to the working position. Furthermore, a retaining member is arranged near ~~[[said]]~~ the interlacing jet to withhold an initial free end of the elastic yarn of ~~[[said]]~~ the second spool in standby position. ~~Means for~~ Elements are also provided for introducing the elastic yarn of ~~[[said]]~~ the second spool in ~~[[said]]~~ the interlacing jet ~~are also provided~~.